

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to claim a specific application domain including a new multimedia description element derived from multimedia description elements in a general application domain, and that the new multimedia description element is not included in the general application domain. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments as they are supported in paragraph 24 on page 8 of Applicant's specification.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Costello, *How an XML Instance Document References an XML Schema* (January 2000), in view of Villard, *An XML-based Multimedia Document Processing Model for Content Adaptation* (September 2000), further in view of Hunter, *Multimedia Content Description Interface* (May 2000) (all previously cited).

The Examiner is relying on section 4 of Villard as teaching Applicant's claimed transformation from a generic application domain to a specific application domain. However, Villard's transformation process transforms from a specific level to a generic level. Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to the top of Figure 7 where an arrow points from the specific level to the generic level [Villard: page 8] and to the bottom of Figure 7 where an arrow points from an XML document (specific) to a Document Type Definition (generic). In addition, the top arrow is marked as "import/include" which further supports Applicant's interpretation that Villard transforms from the specific to the generic. Because Applicant claims just the opposite, transforming from a general to a specific application domain, Villard cannot be properly interpreted as even suggesting Applicant's claimed transformation. Because neither Costello nor Hunter disclose transforming from a general to a specific application domain, the combination of

Costello, Villard and Hunter cannot be properly interpreted as teaching this claim limitation.

Furthermore, neither Costello, Villard, nor Hunter, teaches or suggests that a specific application domain includes a new multimedia description element that is derived from multimedia description elements in a general application domain, where the new multimedia element is not included in the general application domain as claimed in amended claims 1-13.

Therefore, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-13, and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of Costello, Villard and Hunter.

Claims 14-28

Claims 14-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Costello in view of Villard and further in view of Hunter.

As with the rejection of claims 1-13, the Examiner relies on section 4 of Villard as teaching Applicant's claimed transformation from a generic application domain to a specific application domain. As argued above, Villard does not teach or suggest this claim limitation. Because neither Costello nor Hunter teach or suggest transforming from a general to a specific application domain, the combination of Costello, Villard and Hunter cannot be properly interpreted as disclosing Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 14-28.

Furthermore, neither Costello, Villard, nor Hunter, teaches or suggests that a specific application domain includes a new multimedia description element that is derived from multimedia description elements in a general application domain, where the new multimedia element is not included in the general application domain as claimed in amended claims 14-28

Therefore, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 14-28, and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of Costello, Villard and Hunter.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-28 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x3476.

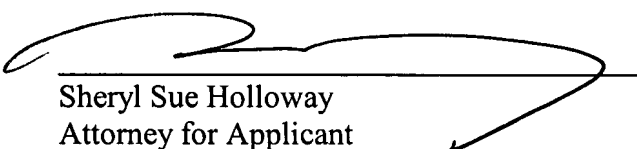
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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